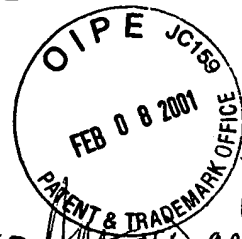


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In re Application of: Daniel C. Notarnicola
Serial No.: 09/475,500
Filed: December 30, 1999
For: **DISPENSER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Further to Application No. 09/475,500 filed on December 30, 1999, Applicant herein submits a Preliminary Amendment to add Claims to said Application.

If any fees for this Preliminary Amendment are required, Applicant requests that this be considered a Petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 18-1164.

In the Claims:

Please ~~add~~ the following new claims:

New Claim 40. In a dispenser for feeding perforated towels from a continuous roll of towels, said dispenser including a dispenser body for containing said continuous roll and a nozzle attached to said dispenser body for dispensing an end portion of said continuous roll, said nozzle including a base having a centralized opening, the improvement comprising: an exit funnel having an inlet end and an outlet, wherein said inlet end is attached to said base such that a passageway from said central opening to said outlet is provided for an end of said continuous roll.

New Claim 41. The dispenser of Claim 40, wherein said inlet end of said exit funnel is removably attached to said base.

A | New Claim 42. The dispenser of Claim 40, wherein said outlet has a first longitudinal axis and said centralized opening has a second axis, and wherein said first axis and said second axis intersect to form an acute angle.

Sub B27 New Claim 43. The dispenser of Claim 42, wherein said acute angle is about 30 degrees.

Remarks

Applicant herein adds new Claims 40 through 43 for consideration with Application No. 09/475,500. The new claims are specifically directed to an exit funnel that is fully disclosed in the Application. There is no new matter.

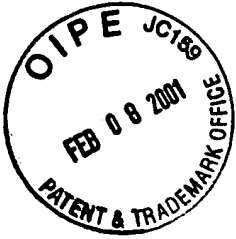
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